

**COMMUNITY RELATIONS** **1000**

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The superintendent will recommend to the School Committee the acceptance of gifts and offers of equipment for the schools when the gifts are of educational value. The School Committee shall vote as to acceptance of the gift. In the case of gifts from industry, business or specific interest groups, no extensive advertising or promotion may be involved in any donation to the public schools.

Gifts that would involve changes in school plants or sites will be subject to School Committee approval.

Gifts will automatically become the property of the school district. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53A, all monetary gifts accepted by the School Committee will be deposited with the City of Salem Treasurer, whether or not intended by the donor for a specific purpose and expended at the discretion of the committee as provided by law.

The School Committee directs the superintendent to assure that an appropriate expression of thanks be extended to all donors.

The School Committee may accept on behalf of and for the city's schools any bequest or gift or money or property for a purpose deemed by the School Committee to be suitable, and may utilize such money or property as designated.

Any gifts valued at \$1,000 or less may be accepted without School Committee approval. Any gifts with a fair market value greater than \$1,000 must be formally accepted by a vote of the School Committee at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Any cash or check received prior to a school committee meeting will be deposited and if the gift is refused the money will be returned.

Legal Reference: MGL 71:37A

See Policy 3202 Acceptance of Gifts, Grants, and Bequests APPROVED: 8/ 2/04

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